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## Together Then, Together Again with Commander Charlie Vladika



Thanks to our fellow comrades for your participation and help with the Armed and Ready event. We had 75 participants who came from our Post and from those who responded to the ads and newspaper articles. We were only passed for attendance by the Lockport VFW's Armed and Ready. We were able to sign up 5 new members. The various VA information booths helped a lot of veterans and this proved to be a very worthwhile endeavor.

The 9-11 Memorial Ceremony was moving. Chief Dial presented a readiness alert program that described all the steps the Naperville police and surrounding area police officers are taking to counteract any future terrorist threats. The law enforcement agencies and the FBI are all assisting one another with information. Along with our fine brethren from the fire and police departments, we veterans also provided a fine turnout for this ceremony.



Last month we appealed for extra people to visit Hines Hospital. I am proud to say we had 21 people in attendance. Thanks to our Legion, Ladies Auxiliary, Nequa school teacher Stacy Clark, and our Veteran comrades, we were able to bring some Bingo winnings, and a warm hello, and a good ear to listen to the veterans at Hines.

Our Post Picnic also had the Veterans from the Blind Unit at Hines (15) come out and share in the food and drinks provided by the Post and desserts and salads brought by members to share. The Naperville 2008 Monsoon did not hinder the camaraderie and fun we all had.

We presented to the membership our Plaque acknowledging our Post as being Number ONE through out the entire VFW worldwide organization for Community Service. Thanks to the Post members who generously give of their time, and thanks also goes to our Ladies Auxiliary, and the many organizations that we support. We are truly a Post that gives back to the Community. Thank you, Comrades.

The above is a pat on the back for ALL our members to be proud of. Here is something to keep in mind: glance at the list of Committees on the last page of this Kendall Gram - think about trying out one or two. Call the chairman listed and volunteer an hour or two every now and then. We have so many worthwhile activities that could use some extra help. Get involved, you will be glad you did.

## A ‘Scoche’ more from the Signal Corp by Senior Vice Scott Holley



As Senior Vice Commander my goal is to make sure we continue the mission of the VFW which is: *“To Honor the Dead by helping the Living”*. With the efforts of our dedicated members at Judd Kendall VFW Post 3873 I know we consistently deliver on this effort and for that I thank you.

Recently, we laid to rest a comrade of the Post (Tony Mihalo) who made a lasting impression on me at his welcome home party at the Post last winter. He was very humble, respectful and carried a smile that was contagious. All of the veterans lined up on the sidewalk wanting to provide Tony with a welcome home that every service man and women should receive. Tony was appreciative of everyone’s sentiment, but at the same time not wanting to enjoy too much knowing that his Bro’s were still in harm’s way. Seeing a tear on the face of a Viet Nam veteran was a reminder of why our mission is so important with everything we do here. We keep in our memories those who have given the ultimate sacrifice and honor them with the ceremonies we do throughout the year such as 9/11, Veterans Day, and Memorial Day just to name a few. Corporal James Hale also made the ultimate sacrifice recently, and though I did not have the privilege of meeting him, I will keep him and his family in mind when we honor our fallen heros.

There will be a drawing for a Life Membership at the October meeting for the annual paying members who have paid their annual dues by October 1<sup>st</sup>. The winner will also be announced in the November Kendall-Gram. If you are unable to pay your annual dues prior to October 1<sup>st</sup>, you still are eligible for the drawing at Decembers Post meeting. The due date to be eligible for that one is December 1<sup>st</sup>. For those of you who submitted payment in time for the October drawing, you will also be in the raffle for December. Good Luck!

Get involved with our wonderful Post and give what you can....it can be a very fulfilling, rewarding and fun experience! Please see our Junior Vice Commander’s column for all the great events coming up at the Post. See ya there!

You can always see what’s coming up by checking out the Kendall-Gram or by visiting the website at [www.napervfw.org](http://www.napervfw.org). If you are not getting the email communications from Mike Barbour, please provide him with your email by sending him one at: [mbarbour@wowway.com](mailto:mbarbour@wowway.com). He will be happy to add you to our list.

Over and Out

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## Aming High Junior Vice John Colby

Greetings Comrades! October has a couple of fun events coming up

### United States Navy 233rd Birthday Dinner



This year the Naperville Council, Navy League of the United States will be celebrating the 233<sup>rd</sup> birthday of the Navy on Sunday, October 12, 2008 at the Post.

Tickets for the Dinner are \$18.00 per person. Reservations can be made by calling Terry Jelinek at 630-357-5366.

The event will start with a Social Hour (cash bar) at 3PM followed by dinner at 4PM. This years dinner will consist of tossed salad, roast beef, chicken Marsella, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans almandine, dinner rolls, coffee, tea and birthday cake.

There will be some trivia games, door prizes and lots of fun. Dress is business casual and open to all so bring your friends and/or neighbors and join us.

### Octoberfest

Next is Oktoberfest. The Post will provide a Brat dinner with chips and beans for only two dollars on October 19<sup>th</sup> from 4 - 8PM. Dr. Keller and the Oompa Band will be there so come on down.

## **Halloween Movie Night**

We will once again have a Halloween Movie out on the patio. Since Halloween falls on a Friday this year we will jump the gun a little and have the Movie Night on Wednesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>. There will be hot dogs, chips, popcorn and draft beer or pop. The cost will be \$2.00 per person and the food will be available at 6:30 for you early birds. The movie will start at 7PM. In the past this has been a lot of fun so plan on coming down and join in the fun. We don't have the movie picked out yet but as in the past it will be one of the older, probably slap stick ghost movies.

## **Canteen Halloween Costume Party**

The Canteen will again sponsor a Halloween Costume Party on October 31<sup>st</sup> from 7-11PM. This turned out to be a really great event last year with some really creative and unique costumes. This year's first place costume will earn \$50.00, second place \$25.00 and third place, your choice of a bottle of booze or a case of beer. There will also be other prizes during the evening with a lot of fun to be had by all so dress up (costume) and come on down and participate.

## **Veterans Day**

This promises to be a very busy Veterans Day, starting at 7 AM. Veterans who have volunteered at the various schools will meet at the school board headquarters for a continental breakfast. This year we will be going to the schools on Tuesday, November 11th, Veterans Day itself! From there the veterans will go to the schools for flag-raising ceremonies. After the ceremonies we will meet at Veterans Park for the 11 AM ceremonies there. There will be an American Legion Veterans Day Dinner that night at Kendall Hall. More details will be given in next month's Kendall-Gram. If you wish to volunteer to participate in the flag raising ceremonies at the 203 schools, please give Terry Jelinek (357-5366) or Jack Shiffler (357-4615) a call.

## **Dates to Remember**

October 9<sup>th</sup> – VFW Meeting  
October 12<sup>th</sup> – Navy League Dinner 4 - 8 PM  
October 12 - Columbus Day`  
October 14th – Hines Hospital Visit 6 PM  
October 16<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Auxillary Meeting  
October 19<sup>th</sup> – Oktoberfest 4 - 8 PM  
October 19<sup>th</sup> – Life Member's Breakfast  
October 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Ladies Auxillary Shop and Share  
October 29<sup>th</sup> – Halloween Movie Night 6:30 PM  
October 31 - Halloween Costume Party in Canteen  
7-11 PM  
November 1 - Cantigny Veterans Run/Walk  
November 2nd - Daylight Savings Time Ends  
November 4 - Election Day!  
November 9 - Weschester Veterans Run/Walk  
November 10<sup>th</sup> Marine Corps Birthday and Ball  
November 11 - Veterans visit to District 203 Schools  
November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremonies at Veterans Park  
on Gartner Rd, 11 AM  
November 11<sup>th</sup> VFW American Legion Dinner  
November 13<sup>th</sup> VFW Meeting  
November 15<sup>th</sup> Blood Drive 8 AM – 12 noon  
November 15th - Turkey Raffle  
November 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> – Ladies Auxillary Shop and Share  
November 20<sup>th</sup> Ladies Auxillary Meeting  
November 22<sup>nd</sup> – Turkey Raffle  
November 30<sup>th</sup> Decorate the Post for Christmas

## **Dates of Interest**

October 8<sup>th</sup> 1971 – Operation Jefferson Glen  
October 9<sup>th</sup> 1950 – Invasion of North Korea  
October 13<sup>th</sup> 1775 – US Navy Established  
October 14<sup>th</sup> 1952 – Operation Showdown/Battle  
of Hill 598 (Sniper Ridge) Began  
October 20<sup>th</sup> 1950 Korean War's First Airborne  
Operation  
October 23<sup>rd</sup> 1965 – Battle of Ia Drang Valley  
Began  
October 29<sup>th</sup> 1967 – Battle of Loe Ninh Began  
October 31<sup>st</sup> 1968 – Bombing of North Viet Nam  
Ended

## Attention All Runners and Walkers

The post running and walking team is gearing up for our fall schedule and wants you to join us. Post members and their families are invited to participate in either or both of our fall events. The first competition is on Saturday, November 1 at Cantigny. It consists of a 5K run or a 5K walk. The course will be entirely on the Cantigny's beautiful grounds including the paths on the golf course and through the gardens and on various interior roads. There is a limit of 700 participants so register early on-line ([www.signmeup.com](http://www.signmeup.com)) or by mail (entry forms at the VFW). Cost is \$22 (\$2.50 discount for active duty military). There is also a one mile youth run and ¼ mile tot run for \$8. Our second event is the following weekend on Sunday, November 9. It is the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Westchester VETERUN which features a 2 mile walk, 5K run and 10K run. This event takes you through closed neighborhood streets and on a paved forest preserve trail. The VETERUN walk is \$20 and the 5 and 10K runs are each \$28. Registration is also available at [www.signmeup.com](http://www.signmeup.com). Both the Cantigny and Westchester events are focused on veterans and are very professionally administered.

Enjoy the cooler fall weather by participating with your fellow post members in one or both of these events. Our team has a wide range of ages and speeds so you will fit in no matter where you are on those spectrums. For more information or to arrange a car pool or just to let us know you will be there, contact the post running team captain, Phil Maughan at [plmaughan@pobox.com](mailto:plmaughan@pobox.com) or 630-357-3440.



Judd Kendall 2007 Running and Walking Team at Cantigny

## Voice of Democracy

Every year our Post encourages students to participate in the National Voice of Democracy competition. This audio/essay contest is open to all high school age students. Mike Barbour is our post Chairman, and Phil Maughan is this year's state chairman. For the contest the students must write and then record their essay. All essays should be three to five minutes. This year's topic is "Service and Sacrifice by America's Veterans Benefit Today's Youth by.....Recorded Essays must be submitted by to the Post Chairman by November 1st. Our Post offers a \$1,750 in prize money to the winning students. Our first place winner will then compete in district competition for additional prizes.. If you know any high school age students please encourage them to enter.

Our Post also participates in the National Patriot's Pen contest. This contest is open to Jr. High students (6, 7th and 8th grade). They must write a 300-400 word essay based on the theme "Why America's Veterans Should be Honored." The deadline for this contest is also November 1st, and the Post, District and State also offer cash prizes to the winning essay. Our Post offers \$700 in prize money. If you have children, grandchildren, nieces or nephews, encourage them to participate.

Additional information on both programs as well as entry sheets are available at [www.vfw.org](http://www.vfw.org) under programs.

## Auxiliary Report by Kathy McNally

Fall harvest and fun times are here. It was great to see everyone at the picnic at the Post. As usual, our Chef Holley did a splendid job on the grill with help from the Amigos...and the ladies' dishes were a feast. On a somber note, we avoided all that rain on Patriot Day and our the Exchange Club's service at the Shanower Memorial. Our Hines Hospital visits began again last month - Past Commander Mike Barbour rallied the troops and we had more volunteers than we had transportation! Poor Senior Vice Scott Holley had to walk all the way to Maywood. Seriously, please consider joining us on our hospital visits — every volunteer is appreciated.

Looking ahead, this is a busy time for us. Many hands make light work so we invite you to join in!

October 19th is Oktoberfest at the Post from 4 to 8pm; just come and have fun! October 27th-29th - Shop n Share at Jewel. Please use the coupons in the newsletter - it doesn't cost you anything and Jewel donates a portion of proceeds directly to the Ladies.

October 29th is Halloween Movie Night at the Post. We usually show a 1940's era movie, so be sure to join the WW2 crowd. It's a blast. The price is right — \$2 gets you a hot dog supper and your first draft beer or wine.

November 10th - Marine Corps Birthday Ball. Put your go-fasters on and get your \$45 per ticket in the mail to Bill Skidmore at 24W316 Pin Oak, Naperville, 60540, double-time!

November 11th - Veterans Day.

November 15th - Turkey Raffle. We need raffle items, gift certificates, baked goods, and help that night. We always have a "Reserved for Ladies Aux" table and we have a ton of fun!

Sisters, remember that we still collect aluminum can tabs for Ronald McDonald house, cancelled stamps for a convent in Wisconsin, and Campbell's soup labels (including Prego products) for the National Home (they get the UPC code, the District uses the rest of the label, so be sure to keep saving the entire label). Our next meeting is Thursday, October 16th at 7:00 PM. Won't you please join us? We try to get through our business quickly and enjoy a social hour immediately following. Happy Harvest!

## Grounds Committee

This year the grounds did much better, with fewer incursions of poison ivy. The red salvia did not do well and we will try something else in its place next year. The sweet potato vine, on the other hand, outperformed everyone's expectations. The grounds committee is happy to report that the Post rented the grounds for an outdoor wedding this year.

The Kennedy Jr High School Crazy Eights will be here on October 21 to pull up the annuals and put the beds to rest for the winter. We will need some supervisors to help the kids stay on track. If you are available, please come down to the Post that morning and join us. The kids enthusiastically do all the hard work, we just have to direct their attention.

**Hines Hospital Visits**

The Chairman of the Hospital Committee, John Shaw, would like to remind everyone that the Post visits the Hines VA Hospital every second Tuesday of the month. We will not be going during the months of July and August but our visits will resume in September. We hope you will join us then.

**Canteen Hours**

	<b>Open</b>	<b>Close</b>
Mon-Thurs	3:00 PM	10:00 PM/Midnight
Friday	Noon	10:00 PM/2:00 AM
Saturday	Noon	10:00 PM/2:00 AM
Sunday	11:00 AM	5:00 PM/6:00 PM

If at anytime between the first close hour and the second close hour listed above, there are no more than four customers in the Canteen, the bartender will give a last call and close the Canteen 15 minutes later.

NO ONE is allowed behind the bar, except the Bartenders. This includes any children in the bar!

Remember: THE BARTENDER IS BOSS!

**Submission Policy**

The Kendall Gram encourages Post members to submit articles and photos. Simply give the article or photo to the on-duty bartender. It is important that you put your name and phone number on the item in case there are any questions. Please ensure that names are legible. Your article may be edited for clarity and space considerations. All photos MUST have the following information with it: where and why the picture was taken, and who is in the picture. Photographs without captions will not be used. Please submit all articles by the third of the month for next month's publication.

**Kendall-Gram**

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